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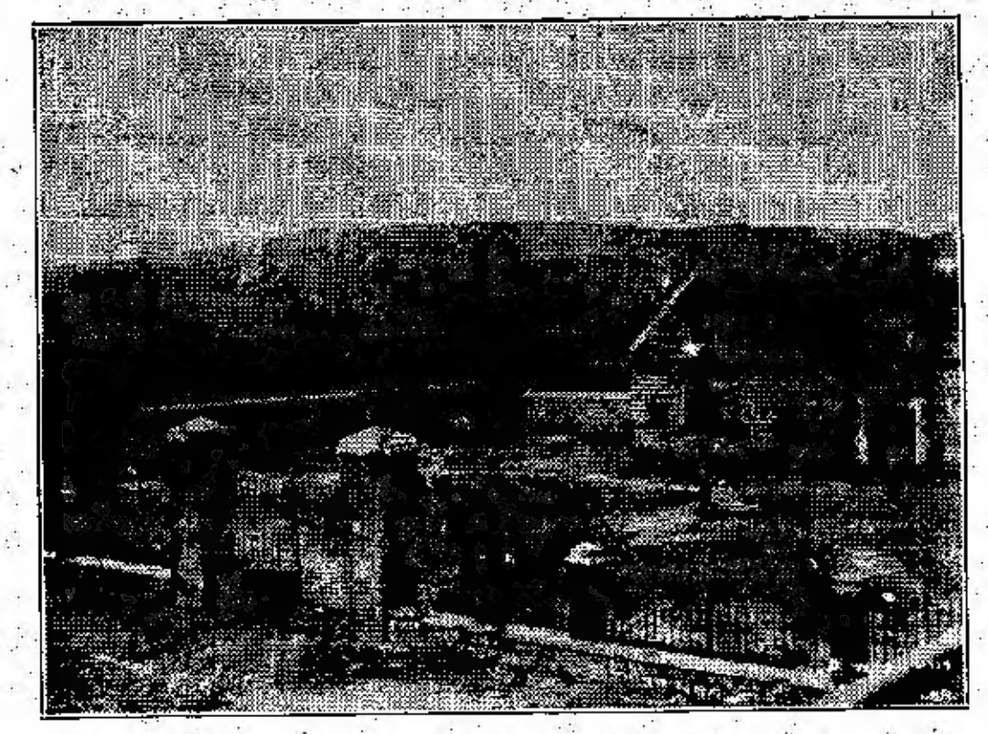

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I found no trace of this custom in Busk, but the hands were there and the birds, too, still enliven the tombstones with their primitive images. The Jewish cemetery of Busk is a virgin forest, an impenetrable jungle of trees, brambles, and weeds growing in untrammeled freedom. Old trunks are molding at our feet; heavy branches, beaten down by age or storms, burden with their long agony the young shoots that sprout between them in the will to live. There is no path or anything resembling one. White birch stems crowd close together as in battle array; interlacing twigs, spines bristling in defense, arrest the explorer.

The miserable troop that had followed us in silence, got ahead of us at the first stop, and, passing between the trunks, holding apart the branches, slipping like adders into the densest thicket, guided us to the grave we sought. Humble creatures they were, with long bony faces, their beards, coats and boots shining with the same sticky, ochre-like dirt. But there was an incredible intensity of life in their vivid black eyes, well protruding from their sockets and glowing with fire. We followed them through the underbrush, accompanied by the noise of broken branches, lashed by rebounding twigs, stumbling, perhaps, over moss-grown stones buried in a mess of dead wood. A sumptuous living frame for this picture of death they were, and they suggested a sensation more powerful and more beautiful than our pretentious cities of the dead, full of grimacing figures and disgraced by mendacious epitaphs.

At last we reached a group of four stones which our guides had already stripped of their covering of vines and brambles. Their fingers scratched the lichens to lay bare the writing which the stone would jealously keep secret. Then all the hands pointed to a stone leaning over as in a faint: "There it is."

And suddenly all these haggard faces, even when they smiled, contracted as with suffering, were ennobled by the solemn gravity of the sublimest sentiment known on earth. The eyes were fixed in contemplation of the mysteries of the world; thoughts that commanded respect rose from under the fur of worn-out bonnets, greasy little caps. Each of these beggars was at this moment a pontiff. One of them, sacristan or rabbi, I know not which, with authoritative voice and in well-scanned lines pronounced words that ravished, transporting with ecstasy all who heard them:

"Here we are before your grave, friend. We bring to you your son, who has not appeared before you since the day when he marked with this stone the place of your great rest. Life had taken him into the world, where your long-continued efforts for his good through your continuing to live in him, assured the success of your progeny. Ever present among your kin, you thus carry on your work on this earth. That is why your son comes to pay grateful homage to you. In times gone by, before life, you were united in eternity. His birth separated him from you, gave him a life of his own. And now, in thought, he comes to reunite with you and to revive you in himself even as you did."

The invocation, of which only this brief passage was translated for me, seemed to me of superior beauty. I wish I could literally quote the naive address to the neighboring dead that followed, asking them to entertain friendly relations with him, whom we had come to honor; and expressing the hope that they, too, would be thus visited by their kin!

With difficulty we groped our way back through the thicket and found ourselves before a sort of barn where on the solid earthen floor were huddled in a circle women, children and old men, the poorest of the poor in the village. It is customary to give them alms and my friend passed before them and dropped money into their outstretched hands. Then there appeared a board with bowls, decked with inscriptions that claimed the generosity of the visitor for various institutions. I saw bills dropping into one after another; not one of these charities was forgotten.

As soon as we came out, a mob of paupers presented themselves, pressing forward at the news that a son of Israel who had gone forth from Busk, had returned with unheard-of treasures, which his hands were dropping into every yawning pocket. It was a veritable race as to who would get closest to him. The twelve tribes were there, seeking the occasion to ameliorate their condition.

"I knew you when you were a little tot," said the old.

"I am a relative of——"

"I am a friend of so-and-so, whom your father cured," they eagerly proclaim.

Thus the beneficence creates a claim for the benefited, or his descendants, against the benefactor and those that follow him. One of the speakers had lost his calf, the other his horse. All had been victims of some accidents. Never in so short a space of time was heard such an accumulation of catastrophes.

Implored, caressed, dragged forth, deafened by a hundred stories, our friend, followed by those poor whining wretches, was forced, in order to reach his hospitable lodgings, to pass through a crowd of persistent claimants that barred his passage. By the use of our shoulders and our elbows, we succeeded in breaking away from them. But at the gate of the castle another formidable attack awaited us. The whole synagog was there, with the great rabbi in the lead, a marvelous Moses of Michel Angelo, whose head, crowned with a high fur bonnet, lost itself in a torrential beard, in which the waves of silver alternated with those of ebony. A long discussion took place for the house of God was still unfinished, and if the visitor would but move his magic wand of gold, it would be built and all Busk would rejoice. I must admit that our friend did not strike me as a very fervent devotee at the altar of Jehovah. Nevertheless, it would have surprised me if childhood memories and the natural feeling of solidarity with a great tragic race had not made him add his stone towards the erection of the edifice where his forebears had worshipped.

The gate was finally locked. While the chattering crowd retired disappointed that the riches had vanished as dream-like as they had appeared, we gradually regained our composure. The neighboring gypsy camp was tempting me and I suggested a visit before our departure. I had retained the vision of a little gypsy of perhaps ten years, who that very morning had, for a copper coin, frantically followed our car across the holes in the road, while at each of her leaps, like that of a rag doll, the smiling head of a bronze marmot bobbed up, madly tinkling its bells on the shoulders of the swift runner. A gate of the park permitted us to get out onto the plain, unnoticed by the eyes of restive Israel, and soon we were in the midst of the tents planted at the border of the forest.

Compared with the Jews we had just met, these people live in happy serenity. Pariahs, the degraded refuse of the castes of India, they carry in the folds of their cloaks what is left to them of their native land. Towards the horizon which ever recedes, they are going all the time, marching towards the unknown, disdainful of the present sojourn and ever hopeful of a better one. Serious, without restless agitation without the rudeness of conquering races, they take across the planet their tranquil contentment with everything. What is to them the possession of some earth? Where chance guides them, they plant their long poles, attach the canvas, and their palace is ready. Their little horses feed on the grass, while the gypsy, resplendent in copper buttons, goes from farm to farm in quest of worn-out pots and kettles that need the restoring hand of the itinerant tinker.

Earth offers plenty for her children, and the troupe, enriched by beggary and occasional depredations, appears to enjoy the solid comfort of nomads living on next to nothing. The depth of their eyes, diamond black, their placid features, their solemn gestures, reflect the fatalist soul of the Orient. Little boys of ten to twelve, stark naked, voluptuously recline like young wild animals, only their heads of heavy, coarse hair now and then bobbing up from the couch of green. Women, likewise crouching on the grass, look at us with supreme indifference. Their shining tresses end in chaplets of silver coins, evoking a vision of brilliantly decorated idols.

Under a big tent is gravely reclining a handsome black divinity, radiant with silver coins, her couch a rug of violent coloring, forming a frame of sumptuous brightness. Blue spirals are rising from her pipe and seem to fascinate her like a dream. At her feet is a little girl of about six who lights one of her mother's pipes on the hearth-fire and seems to derive infinite joy from it. It is a certain view of life which makes the oriental, with all his inwardness, adapt his customs to life under the misty skies of the Occident.

The Orient has also given us the Slav peasant, fashioned by the despotism of Asia, who doubles up at our sight and without even knowing us in passing, kisses our hands.

From the Orient, too, come these restless Jews, whose contemplative faculty is so seriously disturbed by

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TORONTO, 19 JANUARY, 1923.

Toronto Young Judea

In addition to the historical program taken up weekly in each circle, the under-mentioned books are suggested for review in the various circles:

Senior Circles

Daniel Deronda	George Eliot
King of the Schnorrers	Israel Zangwill
Children of the Ghetto	Israel Zangwill
Dreamers of the Ghetto	Israel Zangwill
The Melting Pot	Israel Zangwill
Altneuland	Theodor Herzl
Comrade Yetta	Edwards
Nathan the Wise	Lessing
The Jew of Malta	Marlowe
The Promised Land	Mary Austin

Intermediate Circles

A King of Tyre	Ludlow
Joshua	Ebers
For the Temple	Henty
The Hammer	Church
Deborah	Ludlow
Vale of Cedars	Aguilar
Ivanhoe	Scott
Merchant of Venice	Shakespeare

Junior Circles

Lost Prince Alman	Pendleton
In Assyrian Tents	Pendleton
Sons of the Covenant	Gordon
Judith Triumphant	Buchanan
Stories from the Rabbis	Isaacs
Under the Eagle's Wing	Miller
Elchanan	Headley

In the senior groups, a member should briefly introduce the author, and another member of the circle should undertake the review. Arrangements should be made for open discussion of the problems dealt with in the book, in the week following the review.

In the intermediate circles, the leader should briefly introduce the author, and co-operate with the members in review. Discussions to be taken up at the same meeting as, and immediately after, the review.

In the junior circles the leader should personally undertake the review, introducing the author and then following up by telling the story, with occasional readings from the book. The discussion should be taken up at the same meeting.

Not more than one book should be reviewed each month, or every two months.

"Y" News

Basketball

In the opening game of the Toronto Ladies' Basketball Association the Y.W.H.A. Girls defeated the Stephenettes 13-8 on the latter's floor. The "Y" Girls had a decisive margin on the play and showed brilliant team-work.

The "Y" Juvenile team are practising faithfully in preparation for the city basketball finals.

The following have been declared winners in the T. and D. Juvenile groups. Group 1: Broadview "Y"; Group 2: Y.M.H.A.; Group 3: Parkdale.

Miss Betty Hepman, forward for the "Y" Ladies team, also shines as a speed skater, and won the 440 Yards ladies' race at the Varsity Speed Racing Meet.

Lou Lester, veteran star of the Junior Team, is laid up with an infected toe and consequently will be missed from the line-up for an indefinite period.

It has been announced by the Athletic Board of Control that the "Y" gymnasium will be necessary to allow space for the final contests and rehearsals of basketball work. The "Y" finals are being played on the floor and all games will be played on the floor.

The "Y" ladies' basketball squad are practising hard for the game with the Y.W.H.A. on the floor. All members are requested to be present.

Smoker

The Y.M.H.A. Smoker on Monday night was attended by those who were present. It was a celebration to [illegible] the Basketball Team [illegible] without a defeat. The [illegible] Summer and Ben Lewis and the audience in an uproar with their burlesque numbers. "Smiling Benny" Cohen gave them a big laugh with his "Ha! Ha!" song. Sam Shapiro can be called our local "Al Jolson." His offering of "Loving Sam" could be excelled only on Broadway. The other entertainers were Sid Grant, the Jewish Harry Lauder, and Jack Judkin who drove away the blues with his Jewish monologue. A specialty number, their own composition, entitled the Hard Up Blues, was rendered by Jackie Lewis and Toots Shoomer.

The boxing matches were "knock-outs." Fuller and Rosenfeld, in the 125 lb. match, put up a splendid bout. Phillip and Moscoe, in the 110 lb., did no less well, and the midgets, Davidson and Levinsky, brought many a laugh in their efforts to exterminate each other.

Of special interest to bicyclists is the news that J. Harris, the winner of numerous trophies and the victor of many a stiff cycling meet, has been appointed convenor of the "Y" activities along these lines. This is a new departure for the Jews of Toronto. Mr. Harris is prepared to give valuable advice and training pointers to all who are interested. Special machines have been provided by him. There is no extra charge for this.

Do not forget the "Y" Theatre Night, on February 12, at the Standard Theatre.

The "Y" has lost a valuable member and a hard worker in the person of Hy Bochnek who has left for Cobalt.

Classes

Mr. Bloom is making the Business Men's Classes so interesting that those who come once make it their business to be present every class night.

The leaders' class, under Mr. H. Freeman, is coming along fine and we will soon have one of the finest gym classes in Toronto.

Hockey

The Inter-Club Hockey League is going strong and every one is invited to watch the games at Alexandra Park, which take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6.45 to 9.15 p.m.

Boxing

Just a reminder to all fans that the Inter-Club Boxing Tournament takes place on January 31, at the "Y."

Dancing

Saturday evening, January 27, every one should make it their business to attend the "Y" dance. Many interesting features will be introduced and the splendid "Y" orchestra, which is conceded one of the very best in town, will put a few new wrinkles across. Just a reminder that a dance follows the basketball games every Wednesday night, with no extra charge attached.

Debating

Due to the fact that there is not enough time to prepare the subject for Sunday, January 28, the debate will take place on Sunday, February 4. The subject is "Resolved that France is a Greater Menace to World Peace than Germany and Russia Combined." The Arnpion Club will uphold the affirmative and the Balfour Club the negative.

There will be an interesting lecture at the "Y" Sunday, January 28, instead of the debate which had been scheduled.

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An executive meeting was held at the Jewish Children's Home on Wednesday, January 10. Following the meeting the reception committee, consisting of Mrs. Greenfield, Mrs. I. Cooper, Mrs. M. L. Willinsky, Mrs. M. Mehr, Mrs. Rabinovitch, Mrs. Kronick and Mrs. Stein received the members of the West Toronto Hebrew Charities, of which Mrs. Herwitz is president. The latter organization completely furnished the office of the new home. Refreshments were served.

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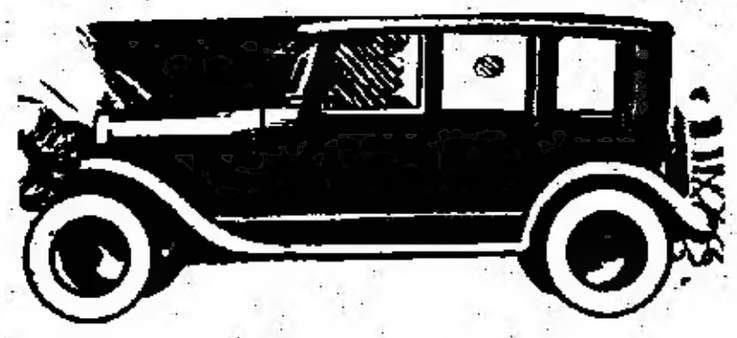

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AND THE FEDERATION OF TEMPLE SISTERHOODS' GOLDEN JUBILEE

New York.—The Fiftieth Conference of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations took the form of a Golden Jubilee at the Hotel Astor, New York, on January 22. This organization that bands together the adherents of Reform Judaism in Canada and United States was brought into being by Isaac M. Wise, founder of American Reform Judaism in 1873.

In the half century of its existence the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has come to embrace about three hundred constituent organizations in Canada and United States, from Montreal to Mexico, from Maine to California. The Union represents about 250,000 individuals. Among the distinguished representative Jews in United States, who were present, and who took a leading part in the conference were: Adolf Ochs, of the New York Times, ex-Ambassadors Morgenthau and Elkus, Oscar and Isadore Straus, Louis Marshall, Samuel Untermyer, Adolf Lewisohn, Julius Rosenwald, and a host of others; in all some 2,000 delegates were in New York for the week's deliberations. The delegates attending the conference in New York from Canada were: Mr. Maxwell Goldstein, K.C., and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hirsch, Mr. Abe Sommer, Rabbi Max Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Kreiger, Mrs. Gustave Fischel, president of Temple Sisterhood, Mrs. J. D. Kuppenheim, Mr. Clarence Michaels, president of Brotherhood and Mr. Jos. Horowitz, all of Montreal.

DR. ALEXANDER GOLDSTEIN AND COL. PATTERSON OPEN $50,000 KEREN HAYESOD CAMPAIGN IN WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Jan. 22.—The enthusiasm aroused by the Zionist guests, Dr. Alexander Goldstein and Col. Patterson was so great that the meeting halls proved inadequate to accommodate the crowds seeking admittance and that the objective of the campaign to raise $50,000 in Winnipeg is practically an assured fact.

Both Col. Patterson and Dr. Goldstein have left this morning and will visit in the west, the following places: Brandon, Moose Jaw, Estevan, Regina, Melville, Swift Current, Calgary, Vancouver, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Prince Albert, Canora, Yorkton, Dauphin, Kamsack and Fort William, at the end of which itinerary they are expected to arrive in Montreal towards the end of February.

CHAMISHO OSOR BESHVAT OR PALESTINE ARBOR DAY REMINDER

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LEON GOLDMAN,
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Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of certificate of trees purchased in my name in Palestine.

Will you kindly convey to the National Zionist Council my deep appreciation of their kindness in remembering me on the occasion of my attaining my bar mitzvah.

It is good to know that I have some link with the old new land of our fathers. I shall always look to Erez Israel as the land of my birth, the land that gave me my Jewishness, the only land, the only Lord and the only people.

I claim no credit for being a Jew. I had no choice in the matter, but I am very happy for being one. The kind gift of the National Council has brought me much closer to my country and my people.

Thank you all very much.

Yours sincerely,
Sgd.) HAROLD STEIN.

New Hadassah Group

Inspiring them with a genuine desire to serve their people, Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner delivered an impressive address before one hundred and twenty-five young women on Sunday last.

The occasion was the organization meeting of a Junior Hadassah held at the home of Mrs. D. Dunkelman, the president of the local Hadassah Council. The object of the new group is to provide a Hadassah chapter for those young unmarried women who are not already affiliated with the organization. Some one hundred and fifty invitations were sent out and over one hundred and twenty-five girls responded.

The situation is a tragic one when young women have to be called together to become enthused in the redemption of their own people. This was the sentiment expressed by the speaker.

He himself had learned to take the Jewish view of things at an early age. Contact with the leaders of the national movement had inspired him with the hope that he could contribute to his people's cause and so he had dedicated himself to the Rabbinate.

At the conclusion of Rabbi Brickner's address, the young women assembled at the meeting resolved to form themselves into a junior Hadassah group. Their work, they decided was to be Hadassah work in general but they would concentrate their efforts on orphan relief. This latter resolution came as a result of an address by Mrs. J. Selick who described the pitiable state of the Palestinian orphan. Mrs. Selick suggested practical means by which the new chapter could help to alleviate conditions.

Mrs. David Dunkelman who presided at the meeting congratulated the young Jewish women of the city on the existence of so large a group of girls who were interested enough in Jewish affairs to attend the meeting.

A provisional chairman, Miss Tessie Lavine, was appointed and a provisional executive of twenty names was nominated. Mrs. J. Selick was elected Honorary Chairman. A vote of thanks was moved to Mrs. Dunkelman for her services in the organization of the chapter.

The next meeting of the executive will be held at Mrs. Dunkelman's home sometime within the next week. The final organization meeting of the chapter will be held at the King Edward Hotel as it is considered impracticable to meet in private homes owing to the size of the chapter. Election of permanent officers will be held. All those who are at all interested in the organization are earnestly requested to get in touch with Miss Lavine; or else to attend the next meeting.

Those who have been appointed to the provisional executive are: Misses Rivka Levi, Lillian Smith, Eva Davis, Mattie Levi, Lottie Brenner, Miriam Wolfson, Esther Keyfetz, Belle Stern, Adeline Miller, Fannie Schwartz, Hermina Rogul, Sarah Pallick, Ethel Hoffman, Beatrice Muller, Sadie Rosenthal, Claire Siegel, Sarah Kaplan, Beck Rock, Minnie Taube and Elizabeth Waldow.

HADASSAH AT-HOME

An assembly of all Hadassah and Hadassah's friends will take place next Thursday evening at the Zionist Building in the form of an At-Home. Due to the fact that it was impossible to complete the alterations on the Zionist Building in time it was decided to postpone these in order to enable the Hadassah to run the affair. All are invited to attend the At-Home no formal invitation of all kind will be sent out.

The feature of the evening will be an address by Mrs. R. Brickner. In addition excellent musical talent has been obtained. The At Home is really a celebration of the Chamisho Osor Beshvat, the Palestine Arbor Day. It will indirectly serve, however as a means for all the members of the various Hadassah chapters to get acquainted with one another.

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Daughters of Zion Theatre Night

The honour that attends the celebration of a twenty-fifth annual theatre night and banquet fell to the Daughters of Zion on Wednesday evening, January 17.

The members of the society attended the Royal Alexandra and then adjourned to a banquet at the Zionist Building. No other Jewish ladies' society in Canada can enjoy the distinction of such an event, for the Daughters of Zion is the oldest ladies' society in Canada.

Mrs. Joshua Smith was the toastmaster of the evening. The guests of the society were Mrs. David Dunkelman, Mrs. J. Selick and Mrs. Kronick, all of whom delivered addresses. Reminiscences were the order of the evening. All the speakers congratulated the Daughters of Zion on their long unbroken record of service to the Zionist movement.

CENTRAL CHAPTER THIMBLE TEA

The Central Chapter of Hadassah held their meeting on Wednesday last in the form of a "Thimble Tea" at the Zionist Institute. Mrs. L. M. Shuartz convened the sewing, assisted by Mrs. S. Harris and Mrs. Rosenberg and sixty bibs were hurriedly manufactured of a great variety of fancy stitches.

The tea tables in charge of Mrs. [illegible] Abramovitz and Mrs. [illegible] were gaily decorated in pink and white. Mrs. Friedland poured tea assisted by Mrs. Greenberg and Mrs. W[illegible]. Prizes were won by Mrs. [illegible], Mrs. Elias and Mrs. Sirota.

The coming Hadassah At-Home was discussed, and [illegible] promised as the chapter's contribution to the party. Twenty-five new members were received into the chapter by the chairman, Mrs. Y. Selick.

Herzl Girls

At a recent meeting of the Herzl Girls, final arrangements were made for this chapter's contribution to the program of the Hadassah At-Home. The Date Filling Bee will take place on Monday, January 29th.

LOEW'S YONGE STREET

Viola Dana got some real thrills from "June Madness," her new Metro photoplay, which is being offered with six acts of sparkling vaudeville at Loew's Yonge Street Theatre the week of January 29. In one of the scenes provided for an automobile pursuit is given. Miss Dana in one car and a comedian in another. The story revealed that Miss Dana was to journey sixty miles in thirty minutes, which was all the faster than the railroad train. [illegible] The idea was to take the last train out of the town, so that the pursuers can't [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Miss Dana [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Editorial

REFORM JUDAISM VERSUS REFORMED JUDAISM

[illegible] in the largest Jewish community in the world, [illegible] the Jubilee Convention of [illegible] Hebrew Congregations. Fifty years [illegible] Rabbi Isaac Meyer Wise, founded [illegible] which comprises about 250 of the leading reform [illegible] congregations in the United States [illegible] College which has since its [illegible] to minister to these congrega- [illegible] and rabbinical delegates, [illegible] and Jewish fields [illegible] in some sense it is the greatest [illegible] American Judaism.

[illegible] in the Union Bulletin, [illegible] of the Union, contains the [illegible] and formula [illegible] leaders now in [illegible]

[illegible] bring [illegible] and synagog [illegible] embodied in the [illegible] the Ten [illegible] principles and [illegible] sees the [illegible] America and [illegible] racial [illegible] with [illegible] American [illegible] itself [illegible]

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[illegible] Liberal pulpits, but is an institution of higher Jewish learning devoted to Jewish scientific study and research. Its professors and graduates have from time to time published excellent studies which have enhanced the rich field of Jewish culture and literature.

The Union has been responsible for promoting the organization of synagogs and religious schools for the young, in different parts of the continent, more especially in the smaller and out-of-the-way places containing but a handful of Jews. Thus it has rendered a most valuable service in stemming the drift from Judaism which is inevitable under the circumstances in which the Jews in the smaller towns live. The Union has recently even organized religious schools in those sections of New York City where thousands of Jewish children grow up without any opportunities for religious instruction and where these children, mainly of Orthodox parentage, are instructed in Judaism as their fathers would have them taught. The Union has published text books, stimulated and increased interest in Sunday School education, organized religious services in summer resorts for Jewish boarders, and at the different Universities for Jewish students. It has urged upon rabbis and laity to interest themselves in the spiritual and social welfare of Jewish prisoners. The Union has always stood on the watch tower ready to sound the alarm when the forces of prejudice and bigotry that threatened to rob the Jew and other religious and racial minorities of their rights as citizens of free lands, raised their ugly heads.

The Union is an instance of what organization can do for the Jew in America. We wish to remark parenthetically, that the orthodox Jews of America can learn much by organizing in similar fashion for the preservation and development of those values which orthodoxy holds dear. In the New World, where the "Karopka" of the Russian Ghettos or the "Kiat" of the Polish towns, or the "Kultus Gemeinde" of German-speaking Jewries no longer exists, it is only through voluntary organization on a democratic basis that the Jew can retain his beloved normes and institutions of life. The words of Daniel Webster are extremely applicable and timely in this connection, "United we stand; divided we fall." This the Reform Jews learned fifty years ago. It behooves Orthodox Judaism to learn this lesson ere it is too late.

Though we willingly give credit where credit is due, it is, however, with the formula of the convention that we take issue. Ever since its inception in Germany, about a century ago, the cardinal doctrine of reformed Judaism has been that the Jew is not a race, or a nationality; the Jew is only a religious community.

It is easy to understand why the early pioneers of Reform in Germany stripped the Jew and Judaism of its racial and ethnical characteristics. It was during the first flush of emancipation of the Jew from European Ghettos that modern Reform Judaism was born. Reform Judaism, even in America, is older than the Union. The Jew of the early part of the nineteenth century, for whom citizenship was a gift, not a freeborn right, was openly challenged by his political benefactors that it was impossible for him to be a good German or Frenchman and still remain a loyal Jew. They contended that because he prayed for the restoration of Zion, because his dietary laws prevented him from eating with his neighbour, and his narrow religious legalism prohibited him from inter-marrying with non-Jews, and his attitude to the Christian was one of superiority and clannishness, he must be regarded as a foreigner. To meet this challenge the early Reform movement separated itself from rabbinic law, cast out the prayers of Zion from its prayer book, declared that the emancipated Jew was not a Jew racially or ethnically, but a Jew only by religion.

To hold even to the conception that the Jew was a Jew only by religion was not an easy task. With the assistance of Hegelian dialecticism, at which the early reformers were skilled hands and with the help of the scalpel of the pseudo rationalism of their age, they succeeded in trimming Judaism into a theology so threadbare in comparison with the theology of Jewish history, as to make it compatible with their new slogan.

What we marvel at, however, is that Reform Judaism has, in less than a century, become reformed. Already it has become hardened. In less than a hundred years it has its saints, and its creeds, it holds fast to formulas as if they were dogmas of a church. Virility has run dry in its veins. Reform Judaism was born to give impetus to the ever youthful spirit in Judaism, and to proclaim again the truism that, though it is ever necessary for the Jew to adjust to the changes in the intellectual world and his physical invironment, the Jew has always done this and can continue to do it without sacrificing his racial and nationalistic character.

Instead of accomplishing this aim the movement of Reformed Judaism before it had reached its full maturity, atrophied and grew old after the first half century of its life. It is for this reason that we hear the old men of Reformed Judaism to-day repeating the [illegible] of an outworn and discredited compromise made a hundred years ago. If the early reformers erred, we of to-day understand the circumstances which controlled them, and we forgive them. But we cannot forgive their modern descendants who cling to their errors and reiterate cries which to-day are absolutely passe.

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Council of Jewish Women

One of the outstanding Council meetings of the year took place on Thursday last, which was Visitors' Day at the Council. From the Hamilton Council of Jewish Women were the presidents Mrs. Moe Levy; Miss Ruth Levy, Mrs. S. B. Lyons, Mrs. D. Sosdin, Mrs. M. Bube, Mrs. B. Epstein, Miss Belle Cohen, Mrs. S. Freedman and Mrs. S. Needle. The visitors were the guests of the Toronto branch at a luncheon, then proceeded to the Community House, 41 St. George Street, where they attended the Bible Circle, conducted by Rabbi Brickner. At the Council meeting, which followed, Mrs. Levy gave an interesting outline of the Council work carried on in Hamilton, and although stating that Hamilton looked on Toronto as the mother section, many members were astonished at the work accomplished in Hamilton, when it was brought to their notice that that section was only eight months old.

Delightful violin solos were rendered during the afternoon by Cecil Fleischer, accompanied by George Rose. Refreshments were served.

There were committees for tubercular cases, hospital sunbeam (hostess visiting, Big Sister work, Emigrant assis a Saturday night class for recreation attended by about [illegible] girls [illegible] year a "Chanukah Man" at the last to offset Santa Claus.

Mrs. William Sugarman, [illegible] ton, was tendered an ovation [illegible] city, but owing to illness was [illegible] attend. Mrs. Phillips [illegible] Toronto section that the [illegible] House had been [illegible] and that during the past [illegible] six meetings had been [illegible] addition to the regular [illegible] ties. Some of the organizations [illegible] use of the quarters were Junior Welfare League, Mothers' Service, Young Judaea Circles, Young Judaea High School Department, the Junior Street Singing, Hadassah, [illegible] and the Family Welfare Bureau. The Committee in charge of the House are now organizing a reserve girls in case of being required. Mrs. Thaman also reported that arrangements had been made to install electricity on the third floor, also that there had been donations during the month of bed sheets and pillows from Mrs. [illegible] and a picture from Mrs. Moses, [illegible].

Many dolls and hats were exhibited at the meeting which were made at the Monday afternoon sewing circle. They are delightful toys for young children and are always for sale at one dollar each. The money derived from the sale goes towards the material used for articles given out by the Family Welfare Bureau and made at the Council rooms on Thursday afternoons. Mrs. [illegible] Klein will be pleased to take orders.

The first meeting of the Bible Circle took place on Thursday last and will continue to meet every Thursday at 4.30 p.m. at the Community House. Rabbi Brickner is leader.

Mrs. Irving Sarnoff, of the Big Sisters, reported that there were five new cases and a number of visits, of which were both cases and that at the present time there were twelve cases under supervision.

Girls' Club

[illegible] has had an attendance [illegible] during the past two weeks. The Sub-executive meeting [illegible] and well carried out. The Misses Levinson entertained the young people on [illegible] with a program of vocal and [illegible] music. Miss Sutton [illegible] the [illegible] gave a very fine [illegible] on the preservation of the [illegible]. The Girls' Night School [illegible] the large number of young people who [illegible] to attend on Saturday [illegible] to 200 were present last week. The [illegible] class is [illegible] to be given [illegible] Tuesday evenings under the [illegible] supervision of [illegible].

A new class in [illegible] work will be [illegible] this week and a Needle [illegible] will [illegible] a [illegible] class.

[illegible] to be [illegible] the Council [illegible] to be [illegible] Monday evening, when the [illegible] will be [illegible] sewing, when the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sewing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] sewing [illegible].

every friday

"Sometimes when people censure me,
I tell them without rancour
That for what it cost me to be free
I might have had an anchor."

A WORD FROM SHANGHAI, CHINA

Last month announcements were recently made by the antagonists of Reform Judaism regarding the [illegible] ceptions of rabbinic candidates and [illegible] pioneered by the new rabbinical [illegible] Reverend Barnett R. Brickner, the Editor of this publication, Rabbi Brickner, Toronto, and a graduate of the [illegible] College.

"The time is soon coming when the [illegible] ship of the Central Conference of American Rabbis will [illegible] the others. Yearly many Rabbis who were [illegible] called themselves non-Zionists are [illegible] Zionist authority is no less outspoken in denouncing the [illegible] cinnati College. Dr. Stephen S. Wise, the Dean of the American Reform Rabbinate does not mince words when he says: "The persistently misunderstood and altogether unprincipled program of the Jewish reform movement of the nineteenth century was not to save by [illegible] and [illegible] Judaism for future generations, liberals be suffered to stand in the way of the fulfillment of the hope of the Jewish people which has never been given up." Both Brickner and Wise are ardent champions of Reform Judaism and [illegible] are not prepared to adopt the [illegible] of the Conference of Liberal Jewish Israel's Messengers.

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I did not know I was a Jew when I became a Catholic. I was passionately religious [illegible] Years later, after I was twelve, when my father came to take me back to Russia he told me that I was a Jewess. He told me on the train journey home. The car was [illegible] Jews and they were all talking and crying [illegible] like that. And I felt ill and screamed aloud and said we must stay in the car [illegible] the other take me away [illegible] people [illegible] speaking Russian [illegible]. But we are a Jew, we are Jews, I cried. I am not [illegible] a Jewish Catholic. My father explained [illegible] he had married me [illegible] he had married me [illegible] heard him. I never quite forgave him. [illegible] now I am not a Catholic [illegible] for my sake [illegible] he sacrificed all that part of me. Still I think now that Jews should not [illegible].

This is taken from the Weekly Review's classic [illegible] views with Madame Maeterlinck. She was asked [illegible] anti-Semitism [illegible] the most Maeterlinckian belief, that Jews do not belong to politics. Bernard Lazare [illegible] Dreyfus, she had sacrificed [illegible] people for the reform of that burning question. "I am [illegible] Jew."

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Discrimination against Jewish candidates for admission to [illegible] and colleges and universities is not the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Deborah Chapter 43

Order of the Eastern Stars Holds Installation of Officers

A large number of members and visitors from other Chapters attended the Banquet at 6.30 p.m. and later witnessed the installation ceremonies of Deborah Chapter, No. 43, O.E.S., in the Royal Templars Hall on Monday evening, January 15. At the conclusion of the ritual the retiring worthy matron, Miss Minnie Livingston, was presented with a handsome wrist watch from the officers and members, the presentation being made by Sister Mrs. Hansher, a retiring past worthy matron. She also received many beautiful gifts from relatives and friends. The honour of conducting the installation ceremonies was given to Sister Mr. Livingston, who was assisted by Sister Mrs. Hansher as marshall, and other officers. Sister Mary Phillips, incoming worthy matron, received a beautiful basket of flowers, and a telegram of congratulations from friends in the United States. She also presented the retiring worthy matron with a gift and a set of pins from the Chapter as well as a beautiful silk umbrella, for installing the officers. Bro. Bernard Snyder, incoming worthy patron, presented the retiring worthy patron, Bro. J. DeYoung Greenberg, with a handsome jewel. Sister Hansher and other officers received beautiful gifts. A vote of appreciation was given to each of the officers for the willing work rendered, for the wonderful co-operation she received from them during her term of office. The officers installed for 1928 were the following:

Worthy matron, Sister Mary Phillips; worthy patron, Bro. Bernard Snyder; associate matron, Sister Henrietta Rose; associate patron, Sister Anna Bernard; treasurer, Sister Rose Livingston; conductress, Sister Rae Fox; associate conductress, Sister Mollie Silverberg; chaplain, Sister Abramowitz; marshall, Sister Celia Allen; organist, Sister Nettie Cohen; Adah, Sister Lillian Levy; Ruth, Sister Fannie White; Esther, Sister Minnie Phillips; Martha, Sister Bertha Smith; Electa, Sister Ida Davis; warder, Sister Dora Silverstone; sentinel, Bro. Nat Hansher.

SONS OF JACOB LADIES' AUXILIARY

A meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Sons of Jacob was held at the home of the first President, Mrs. L. Rothman, 1 Delaware Avenue, Saturday, January 21st. Following the business meeting which was largely attended, those present were entertained by Mrs. [illegible] at her home, 24 Delaware Ave. Mrs. [illegible] and Mrs. [illegible] were the hostesses.

CANADIAN HEBREW SICK AND BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

President Mort Levy

Announces a Help-the-Boy Program by the Bnai Brith

Two hundred and fifty members of Bnai Brith lodge were in attendance at the special installation and initiation meeting held in the Pompeian room at the King Edward on Sunday afternoon, when visiting brothers, David Rudander and Israel Rumizen, of Buffalo, N. Y., acting as the installation board, delivered inspiring addresses.

Bro. Mort. Levy, in succeeding Bro. Nathan Phillips as president, was tendered a flattering reception when he took over the reins of office. In his inaugural address, President Levy announced that his chief slogan for the year would be "Help the Boy." He stressed the fact that the boy of to-day is the man of to-morrow and the better the man, the better citizen and Canadian he would be. This sentiment was heartily applauded. Retiring president Phillips pointed with some pride to the achievement of the lodge in creating the Toronto Free Loan Association during his term of office, and said that, if nothing else, this achievement alone justified the existence of the lodge.

Speakers of the day expressed admiration at the proficient manner in which the degree team performed its duties. The team consisted of Bros. Abraham Cohen, I. Finberg, Benj. Luxenberg, Charles Benjamin, Joseph M. Gordon and Jacob D. Pearlstein.

The president-elect announced the appointment of the following chairmen of committees: Nathan Phillips, free loan; Abraham Cohen, anti-defamation; Rabbi Dr. Brickner, immigration; Jacob D. Pearlstein, propaganda and publicity; Rabbi Siegel, intellectual; I. Finberg, degrees; H. Rosenthal, summer camp; R. Raphael, boys' work; Jesse Kaplan, Charles Benjamin and J. Epstein, entertainment; N. Friedlander, luncheon; I. Markus, membership; M. S. Stein, contact; Joseph Harris, athletic; Dr. A. Brodey and Sol Kaufman, committee for visiting the sick.

The next meeting of the lodge is scheduled for Monday evening, February 5, at the Prince George Hotel, when the election for office of recording secretary will take place.

GIRL GUIDES' MASQUERADE

The Girl Guides will give a masquerade February 17, at Foresters' Hall. Prizes will be given by Sir Baden Powell and Lady Baden-Powell for the best costume and best company act. The prizes will be presented at Easter time at the Girl Guides' Rally by Sir and Lady Baden-Powell. Our Jewish companies are competing.

Girl Guides wishing to attend the masquerade, get in touch with Miss [illegible] Smith. All girls of Company No. 4 cordially invited.

MR. ROTHER APPOINTED SUPREME COURT JUROR

Mr. William Rother, Crawford Street, has been appointed Juror of the Supreme Court of Ontario at the first session of the year on January 29.

DR. WEITZMAN ZIONIST CLUB

[illegible] members and friends were entertained at the Mr. [illegible] concert and dance, Saturday evening, January 21 at the Zionist Institute. The concert programme was [illegible]. The chief items were the [illegible] Miss Rose Rosenberg, [illegible] and Mr. Hershman Kiddie [illegible].

DR. WEITZMAN DANCE

[illegible] will be given by the club on Saturday evening, January [illegible] at the Zionist Institute. All [illegible]

Hebrew Maternity Aid Society

The regular meeting of the Hebrew Maternity Aid Society will take place Tuesday, January 30, at the Zionist Institute, 8 p.m. Members and friends are requested to accept this announcement as an invitation.

The left wing of the Russian Poale-Zionists decided at its conference, held at Moscow, to join the Communist Party, and to accept the condition of abandoning its Zionist program.

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Talmud Torah Making Fine Headway

RABBI JULIUS L. SIEGEL

Two or three months ago many were rather skeptical about a revival of interest in the project of the new Talmud Torah. To-day the most outspoken of these skeptics stands convinced that the entire community is lining up behind the Building Committee, and is heartily endorsing the great undertaking it has entered upon. What does the undertaking mean to the Jews of Toronto, and what benefits will it bestow upon the community? A glance at the architects' plans is all that is needed to answer these queries.

The plans provide for a modern, splendidly equipped Talmud Torah and Community Centre which will offer the most auspicious opportunities for the rapidly developing educational, communal needs of our community. Anyone, who is in touch with the modern institutional methods that are being adopted in all the larger American communities for the solution of similar problems, will realize that if Toronto is not to remain behind it must also adopt the same effective methods. The combination of a Talmud Torah with a Community Centre is one that holds forth the greatest promise of achievement and utility as it makes it possible for all the members of a family, from the infant and child, the young people up to the parents to find a community of interest and service under one roof.

The Talmud Torah proper will have at its disposal no less than fourteen large, light and airy school rooms, fully, and completely equipped with all standard school room conveniences. Each room will seat thirty-five pupils, thus giving the school a capacity of about five hundred per session. The large assembly hall, on the third floor, will also be used by the school for assemblies, celebrations, plays and whenever it is necessary to assemble all children for some special occasion. There will also be a beautiful library room where the pupils of the school will be able to secure books of Jewish interest for home reading and where the non-pupil will have an opportunity of reading in his leisure hours. A special department of the library will be devoted to the needs of young people and adults. The pupils of the Talmud Torah, under proper supervision, will conduct daily and Sabbath services in the "Beth Hamidiash Ta Zirim," the Juvenile Synagog, in a room set aside specially equipped for that purpose.

The recreational needs of the pupils have also been carefully considered and amply provided for.

The school yard will serve as a spacious playground for the spring and summer season, and the basement of the building will hold a large play room for the other seasons. A very modern and attractive feature of the building will be the large gymnasium and swimming pool put in primarily for use by the pupils of the school, but which will also be available to non-pupils and young people at stated times, according to the schedule in effect.

In order to allow the institution the widest scope of activities for the children and the young people, the plans also provide for a number of class rooms, meeting rooms, reading room, etc., which will be at the disposal of organizations carrying on work in harmony with the spirit and aims of the Talmud Torah.

And what are the aims of the new Talmud Torah? Simply these. The new Talmud Torah aims to give our children an attractive opportunity for obtaining a well balanced education in modern and traditional Judaism so that they will grow up proud of their Jewish heritage and fully informed as to the worth and significance of that heritage. The new Talmud Torah will make attendance at the school a pleasure to our children instead of unbearable drudgery. The child attracted by the modern environment, by the comforts and conveniences held out to it, and will be proud to study in such an institution. There will be no jarring contrast between the Talmud Torah and the Public School. Both institutions will be equally important and attractive, equally necessary.

The course of instruction will begin when the child is quite young in the Hebrew kindergarten, where it will learn to speak the Hebrew language in an easy and natural way, and will continue from there through systematically arranged classes a well balanced curriculum. Hebrew conversation and grammar, Bible, literature, religious knowledge and practices, Jewish history, from earliest times down to the present will constitute the wide range of subjects comprised in the curriculum. In the higher classes the Talmud Torah and the standard commentaries will be studied. And all these subjects will be presented to children in a logical and attractive way, according to the best methods of teaching.

Such a program will satisfy the most discriminating and fastidious parent and should interest everyone who desires education for the coming generation. The work of the Building Committee of the new Talmud Torah, on Brunswick Avenue, and its program as outlined here, is positively the most hopeful and most thoroughgoing educational undertaking in the history of Toronto's Jewish community. Thanks to men like Messrs. M. Gelber, G. Kling, E. Pullan, Becker, T. Levinsky, Bochneck and their colleagues, the foundation of the institution has already been laid and work on the building is progressing at a merry pace. Funds are coming in every week, and during the last month or so, the committees collected from old subscribers, payments on their subscriptions, to the amount of eight thousand dollars. Up to date the total of thirty-nine thousand dollars has been collected from no more than three hundred subscribers. It is a matter of plain calculation that the hundred and twenty thousand dollars which represent the total cost of ground and building can easily be raised by the forty thousand Jews in Toronto. The committee is completing plans for a campaign to interest every Jew in this important undertaking, and will shortly send out committees to canvass the city for new subscribers. With the same purpose in view, mass meetings will be arranged in the various synagoges where speakers will inform the public of the progress of the undertaking. It may be confidently assumed that no self-respecting Jew, no one who is in the least interested in the solution of our many problems will hold aloof from this work. For no argument, no sophistry, however subtle, can shake the truth of the proposition that the Talmud Torah, the new Talmud Torah is the most vital need of our community, and that the preservation of Jews as Jews, the preservation of our religion and language depends solely and altogether on our educational institutions.

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED TOWARDS THE BUILDING FUND OF THE NEW TALMUD TORAH

The following is the list of contributions received by the Building Committee during the month of December and the early part of January.

The Building Committee will establish permanent collectors in the various districts of the city for the convenience of the subscribers towards its completion.

Payments on subscriptions may be made to Mr. E. Pullan, Treasurer of the Building Committee, either in whole or in part, or to the authorized committees that have been appointed to visit the subscribers and solicit payment on their pledges.

In Treasury, $3,428.67; Cash donations, $6.00; Toronto Specialty Co., $15.00; E. Pullan, on acct. subscription, $125.00; M. Gelber on acct. subscription, $500.00; Retur, 2 months, 15 Brunswick Avenue, $90.00; A. M. Schiffer, in acct., $25.00; L. Adelberg, in acct., $125.00; James Bros., $250.00; Mrs. L. Baumall, $50.00; J. Samuels, 279 Queen Street West, $50.00; B. Weiss & Son, $75.00; M. Hartman, $25.00; Mr. Weinstock, $20.00; Mr. Wagman, $25.00; B. Steiner, $25.00; H. Adelberg & Co., $30.00; Cash, $5.00; H. Mendelson, $175.00; L. Schivartz, $125.00; H. Rotenberg, $125.00; D. Dunkelman, $300.00; London Hat & Cap, $100.00; Dr. M. Sacks, $25.00; M. Goldenberg, $25.00; Rear, 13 Brunswick Avenue, $45.00; Sherr Hat, $75.00; H. Miller, $100.00; Levinsky, $200.00; Samuels, $100.00; Kremin & Monsen, $500.00; Goffer, $75.00; Pioneer Auto Vending, $25.00; L. Goffer, $200.00; M. Frankfort, $25.00; Bill Hat & Cap Co., $25.00; Ontario Hat & Cap Co., $25.00; Newmarket, $25.00; Goodman, $10.00; Mr. Garmentsky, $6.00; [illegible] $5.00; Eaton Co., $10.00; [illegible] Wood Sons, Mr. [illegible] $25.00; [illegible] $25.00; Mr. Silverstein, $25.00; [illegible] Bros., $25.00; [illegible] $25.00; [illegible] which [illegible] $30,408.67 [illegible]

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This lecture will treat of the fundamental conceptions on which Reform Judaism is based, and in whose behalf the Golden Jubilee Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation is now meeting in New York city.

Friday evening lectures and services are open to all, and a cordial invitation is extended to thinking Jewish young men and women. On Saturday morning at 10.15 the text of the sermon will be,

"Let This my People go Free That They May Serve Me."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

In spite of the inclement weather last Saturday night over sixty couples attended the opening formal dance of the Society. Rabbi Brickner announced that the young folks of the Congregation would soon meet to reorganize the old Temple Centre on a new basis. All present pledged their support.

Junior Society

The Junior Society announces its second dance of the season, to take place Saturday evening, January 27, in the synagog chambers, at eight p.m. It will be an informal and all members of the society are requested to attend.

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Sabbath Services and Sermons

The services on Friday evening, January 26, will commence at 5.15, and the Sabbath morning services at 9 o'clock. At 10.45 Rabbi Siegel will deliver a sermon on the topic of

"The First Redemption"

How did that miracle of miracles come about? How were the many bonds and ties that time and association had woven round the two peoples finally sundered? The exodus from Egypt is a phenomenon that can find few parallels in history and is imperfectly understood. Rabbi Siegel will endeavour in his sermon to shed some light on the remarkable nature and significance of this unique event.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF SYNAGOG COUNCIL

The Synagog Council which consists of representatives of the executive board of the congregation, the Women's Auxiliary and the Y.P.L., will meet on Monday evening, January 29 at 8 o'clock in the chambers of the synagog to discuss matters pertaining to the organization of synagog improvement work, the new Board of Governors has undertaken. The activities of each organization represented will be discussed and plans to coordinate the work will be laid before the meeting.

In view of the fact the executive committee of the Women's Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting.

CHAMISHO OSOR BASHIVAT TREAT FOR PUPILS OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The Women's Auxiliary is preparing an appropriate treat for the pupils of the Religious School on Sunday, February 3rd to celebrate Chamisho Osor Bashivat, the Palestinian Arbour Day. The occasion is one of the minor, yet cheerful holidays of the Jewish calendar, on which children are treated to bags containing Palestinian fruit. The holiday occurs this year on Thursday, February 1.

ORION CLUB

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the London Congregation Synagog, on Sunday, January 21, 1923, at 6.30 p.m., when Mr. Lu Ceifits, of the Orion Club, was wedded to Miss Elsie Simons, of 22 Denison Square, Cantor Vladovsky officiating. The members and their lady friends attended and two tables were reserved for them. Mr. and Mrs. Ceifits sat in the center, Mr. Charles Oelbaum on the right and Mr. Mack Weyman on the left. After the courses were served, Mr. Charles Oelbaum gave a short speech and presented the young couple with a beautiful marble mantlepiece clock from the Orion Club, and the groom a beautiful engraved silver loving cup, twenty-two inches in height.

The young couple left for New York on their honeymoon.

The editors of the "Bombshell" published a wedding number in honour of Mr. Ceifits.

The Orion house bowling games were postponed last Friday on account of the hockey game held on the same evening. The Orions played the Balfours and lost a very closely contested game. The manager elected is Mr. Abe Richtiger who is also manager of the Young Varisty hockey team. The club has entered a string of boys in the "Y" boxing tournament coming off in a few weeks. The club has also entered various teams in snooker and debating.

The Orion Club is holding a literary and social evening next Sunday and many prominent speakers of this city will speak. Invitations can be procured from any of the members on request.

The club is shocked at the sudden death of Mr. Max Isadore Leible, of Clendennan Avenue, West Toronto. Mr. Leible was a member for the last four years. He was chairman of the Investigation Committee. A letter of condolence has been sent to the stricken parents. The club members paid their last respects to Mr. Max Leible by attending the funeral and helping the parents in every way possible to meet the loss of their youngest son.

Ex-Chancellor Wirth, of Germany, has become engaged to Miss Guttman, a Jewess, step-daughter of the late Hugo Herzfeld, who was well known on the stock exchange.

Rector Diener, of the University of Vienna, is openly supporting the anti-Semitic movement afoot at that institution. In a published declaration he demands that only professors of German descent be permitted to occupy posts of honour.

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The midwinter dance held by the young people of the congregation of Holy Blossom, Bond Street, was a pleasant event. Rabbi and Mrs. B. R. Brickner received the guests at the entrance of the synagog chambers. The latter was becomingly gowned in peach canton crepe with silver leaves in her hair. Mrs. J. Eisman, who assisted in receiving, was charming in a black beaded gown and diamond ornaments. A four-piece orchestra was stationed on the platform, which was arranged with groups of palms. A buffet lunch was served at midnight. A few of the ladies seen were: Mrs. Joseph Singer, wearing a black gown trimmed with jet; Mrs. E. F. Singer, in scarlet georgette with ostrich plumes; Mrs. Nathan Phillips, rose beaded with white; Mrs. Isadore Kurtz, canary yellow canton crepe draped; Mrs. Isadore Brodey, rose canton beaded crepe; Mrs. M. S. Stein, periwinkle blue with nail-head beading; Mrs. A. Brodey, French gown of black canton crepe beaded with green; Mrs. Max Fremes, black gown; Mrs. S. Lorie, black gown; Mrs. L. Levi, nigger brown, jade ear-rings; Mrs. Sidney Kahn, black with jet trimmings; Mrs. Mort Levy, gold cloth draped; Mrs. Epstein, in burgundy silk net; Mrs. Sigmund Lyons, orange georgette with bandeau to match; Mrs. N. Friedlander, orchid taffeta; Mrs. Ruskin, nile green georgette, pearl earings; Miss Edna Frankel, periwinkle blue, with a bandeau of rhinestones; Miss Helen Fineberg, green with overdress of green sequin; Miss Lillie Lorie, green georgette, crossed silver bands in her hair; Miss Florence Finberg, peach chiffon velvet with silver bodice; Miss Rose Cohen, in petal rose crepe; Miss O. Samuels, deep rose taffeta; Miss Mary Levy, of Hamilton, peach gown beaded; Miss Alma Levy, peach georgette; Miss May Miller, of Brooklyn, N.Y., dove-grey georgette; Miss Leola Levy, peach georgette beaded in white; Miss Ray Jacobs, rose taffeta; Miss Rosamond Fisher, rose georgette with silver in her hair; Misses Violet Davis, Stella Miller, Adelaide Cohen, Anna Smith, Lillian Wecksler, Bessie Enushevsky and Ethel Goldstein. Among the men were: Messrs. Levetus, Louis Samuels, Carl Frankel, Arthur Brodey, William Gittes, Roy Frankel, Isadore Finberg, William Weiss, I. Fried, Ivan Frankel, Jack Greenberg, Ben Luxenberg, Arthur Jacobs, Dr. J. R. Smith, Milton Goldstein and Saul Silverman, Sudbury.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Levy, St. Clair Avenue West, and Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Stein, Regal Road, who were guests at the Mount Royal Hotel while attending the shoe convention held in Montreal last week, have returned home.

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Mrs. Sigmund Lyons entertained at her home on Douglas Drive at the tea hour Tuesday last to meet her sister Mrs. Miller, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Miss Mildred Lubelsky, Russell Hill Road, has returned from Montreal.

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Miss Irene Frankel, Wellesley Street, returned Tuesday from Montreal, where she visited for a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Frankel.

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Mrs. Mort. Levy, Rushton Road, invited a few ladies in Sunday to meet Mrs. David Ruslander and Mrs. Israel Rumizen, of Buffalo.

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Miss Elsie Levy, of Hamilton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Levy, Jarvis Street.

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Miss Fannie White, Palmerston Boulevard, left Tuesday for New York.

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Mrs. D. Rockmaker, St. Clarens Avenue, gave a charming not-out dance in honour of her sister, Miss Frances Stein, Saturday evening. An interesting feature was the novelty dance of which the prize winners were Miss Fannie Schwartz and Mr. Herbert Weiss.

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Mrs. M. Singer, Kendal Avenue, entertained at a week-end bridge.

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Mrs. M. Cohen, Madison Avenue, was hostess at a bridge party at the Primrose Club this week.

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Mrs. A. Squires, High Park Avenue, entertained a number of friends last week at bridge, in honour of Mrs. William Gunn, of Kincaid, Sask.

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Miss Sylvia Kertzer, Grace Street, has returned home after spending a month in New York with friends.

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Mrs. M. Bube, Mrs. S. Freshman, Mrs. S. Nudle, Mrs. B. Epstein, Mrs. D. Sweet, Mrs. M. Levy, Mrs. S. B. Lyons, Miss Ruth Levy and Miss Belle Cohen were the guests from Hamilton who attended the meeting of the Council of Jewish Women last week.

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Mrs. Louis Prager, Vermont Avenue, entertained at dinner Tuesday in honour of Mrs. William Gunn. Covers were laid for twelve.

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Mrs. H. Hamer, High Park Boulevard, and Mrs. L. Cramer, Indian Road, were hostesses at a luncheon last week at the Primrose Club in honour of Miss Rae Cohen, whose marriage to Dr. L. J. Boslin took place Thursday last.

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Mrs. Miller and Miss May Miller of Brooklyn, N.Y., are visiting with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Singer, Kendal Avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Cohen, Arlington Avenue, had as their guest for a few days, while en route to Chicago, Mr. Cohen's brother, Mr. Julius Cohen of New York City.

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Miss Pauline Solitz, Manning Avenue, entertained at a charming week-end bridge in honour of Mr. [illegible] guests, Mrs. William Gunn, Kincaid, Sask., and Miss Kate Lever, Altoona.

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Mrs. Harry Solway, Glenholme Avenue, entertained in honour of her sister, Miss Mildred Ford, who is leaving shortly for her home in North Bay.

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Mrs. Samuel Riman, Prince Arthur Apartments, entertained a number of friends at bridge Wednesday last.

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A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Meriey, Manor Street, when they entertained at dinner in honour of the engagement of their daughter, Rose, to Mr. Isadore Rose. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Rose, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Bonzer, Mr. and Mrs. S. Berger, Mr. and Mrs. M. Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. Rosenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harter, Mrs. F. Freeman, Mrs. [illegible], Mrs. Katz, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Swadron, Mr. Morris Rose, Mr. Louis Katz, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible]

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Mrs. D. Rocknaker, St. Clarens Avenue, entertained a few people at bridge Thursday.

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A delightful dance party was held at the home of Mrs. Kaplan, Bathurst Street, in honour of the out-of-town guests at the Chernick-Lunenfeld wedding. Cards were the order of the evening.

A musical entertainment was given by Miss Max Schwartz, Windsor, and folk songs by Carrie Segal, Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Chapnick, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible], Mr. and Mrs. Segal, Mrs. Segal, Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. D. Schwartz, Mr. and Mrs. M. Chernick, Misses Rose and Mae Schwartz, Mr. J. Schwartz, Windsor.

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Miss [illegible], who studied at the Royal Conservatory of Music, has gone to New York to spend the winter with friends.

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Mrs. L. Segal, Clark Park Boulevard, entertained Tuesday afternoon in honour of Mrs. Joseph Segal, of Montreal. The prizes were won by Mrs. Schachtman and Mrs. Schachtman.

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Misses Norma Shiff and S. Kaplan, of Ottawa, were guests at the King Edward during the week-end.

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Mrs. [illegible], Cheltenham, entertained a number of friends at a week-end bridge.

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At her home on Lewarwood Avenue, Mrs. [illegible] entertained Sunday afternoon at a Hallowe'en tea. Many and the evening, young ladies were present. The gathering comprised [illegible]. Mrs. Sedley and Mrs. Freeman received the guests. The house was simply decorated in spring flowers. The tea table which was covered with a lace cloth, was centred with a silver bowl filled with [illegible] and was lit by tapers in silver candlesticks. Miss [illegible] presided at the tea urn, assisted by Misses [illegible], Freeman, [illegible], Sedley and [illegible].

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An enjoyable evening was spent at 669 Danforth Avenue, on Wednesday evening, when Miss Beatrice Clapham and Miss Irene Shereck held a vanity shower in aid of the Men of England bazaar.

MATERNITY AID PURIM FAIR

In aid of the Mother's and Babies' Rest Home, a Purim Fair will be held on Monday afternoon, February 26. In addition to a sale of home-made cooking, there will be amusements, a musical program and other features. It will be held under the auspices of the Hebrew Ladies' Maternity Aid Society, at the Men of England Synagog, Spadina Avenue.

Luther Burbank, America's foremost naturalist, has sent a message of praise to the National Farm School at Doylestown for the movement which it has undertaken, to raise a special building and endowment fund so that its facilities may be increased to train a larger number of Jewish young men for agriculture. Mr. Burbank in his endorsement makes an appeal to the Jewish youth of America to participate more actively in the production of the fundamental products needed by all and declares that if our young people only know how interesting and helpful an occupation agriculture is, many of them would not now be floating aimlessly from one thing to another.

Sentences of one year's imprisonment have been imposed by the District Court of Lublin, Poland, upon four Jews for membership in the Bund.

Work on the [illegible] Engineer Ratenberg for electrification and irrigation of Palestine will be started next spring. Preparations have been made to insure the beginning of the work.

Jews constitute little less than one-tenth of the total area of the district of Panama in which capital is situated. The total population is 600,000, the Jews numbering 6,000.

MAX NORDAU PROMINENT ZIONIST AND AUTHOR DEAD

Paris.—Max Nordau, the famous German author and philosopher, died at his home here January 22. Nordau had been ill for a long time. At his bedside when death came were his wife and his daughter, Maxa.

His notable works include "Degeneration," "Conventional Lies of Mankind," "Paradoxes," "Paris Under the Third Republic," and a Jewish play, "Dr. Kohn."

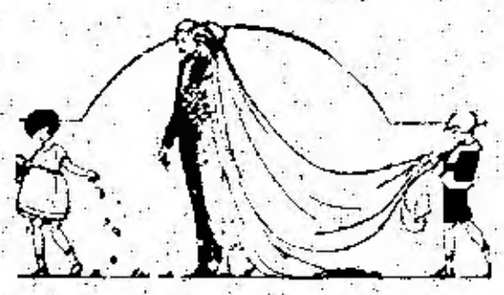
In 1897 Dr. Nordau was called by Dr. Herzl, founder of political Zionism, to aid Herzl in propagating the Zionist idea. From the first Zionist Congress at Basle in 1897, and for several succeeding congresses, Nordau's survey of Jewish conditions in all lands was regarded as the keynote address of those gatherings.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. A. Colonna, Riverside Drive, New York, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Leonora, to Aleck Rasminsky, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Rasminsky, Brunswick Avenue, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Mecker, 84 Major Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rose, to Mr. Isadore Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rose, 472 Euclid Avenue, Toronto.

The engagement is announced of Miss Lena Cohen, to Mr. Mitchell Kohan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kohan, 317 Markham Street, Toronto.



Marriages

BRESLIN—COHEN

The marriage took place on Tuesday last of Dr. Louis J. Breslin to Miss Ray Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Cohen, at their residence, 423 Palmerston Boulevard. Rabbi Brickner, assisted by Rabbi Gordon officiated. The bride was escorted to the altar by her father, and her sister, Mrs. L. J. Nusbaum of Rochester, N.Y., was matron of honour. The bride's brother-in-law, Mr. L. J. Nusbaum, acted as best man. After the ceremony a largely attended reception was held at the Primrose Club. The out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Markus, the bride's sister of the bride, Montreal, and Misses Rae and Lottie Nusbaum, Rochester, N. Y. Following the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. Breslin left for New York and Atlantic City.

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HERZL ZION CLUB

The Herzl Zion Club president, Mr. A. C. Solomon, was elected president of the Zionist Council.

Weather permitting, a sleighing party will be held by the club next Saturday night, for the members and their lady friends. This is to be followed by a dance at the club rooms.

Next Sunday evening Rabbi Siegal delivers a lecture on Dr. Louis's theory. There will also be a musical program. The public is cordially invited.

Watch the columns of the REVIEW for further notes pertaining to the fourth annual dance of the club, which will be held February 2nd in the Crystal Ball room of the King Edward Hotel. Many novelties will be introduced and the best orchestra in town will furnish the music.

Mr. Shinwell, a Scotch Jew has the distinction of being the first son of Israel to represent a Scottish constituency in the British Parliament. He is also said to be the first Jewish Labour M.P.

Editorial

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It is intellectual myopia to deny that the Jews are a race and that they represent a distinct national culture. To do this is to confuse the meaning of race, and confound nationality with political citizenship. Nationalism, as now understood and defined, is a matter of culture. It has a spiritual significance. A nationality is not necessarily a state or nation, and may exist without political separateness whatsoever. The Scotch, Welsh and Irish in England, the Italian, French and German in Switzerland are conspicuous examples. A single Nationality may be distributed among many nations and states, as are the Jews everywhere, or as were the oppressed nationalities in Europe before the Versailles Treaty reconstituted them on their own soil and with their own Government. Nor is a nationality a nation, for a nation is one or more nationalities possessed of political sovereignty forming a government resting on an active acquiescence of the governed and animated by political purposes with regard to other nations which it is free to carry out. England is a nation, Ireland is not; Canada and the United States are nations in the making.

States exist wherever governments control nationalities for its own purposes without regard to the will and preferences of the nationalities. Nations exist where the purpose of government are the expressions and executions of the will of the people.

Nationality is the consciousness of a people based on a common religion, culture, history, customs and habits of life. Thus, Canada is composed of several nationalities—French, Anglo-Saxon, Ukranian, Jewish, etc., all of whom share a common patriotism. They are law abiding and work for the future of a glorious Canada in spite of the fact that each nationality draws it religious and cultural inspiration from a different source.

In view of the accepted conception of race, religion, and nationality, it is naive, if not stupid, to talk of the Jews as comprising merely a religious community. The Jews are Semites by race and of a distinct nationality, which in Palestine will develop into a nation, because there they will, in time, dwell on their own soil and have their own government. To be sure the finest efflorescence of Jewish genius is to be found in its conception of God and religion embodied in a system of ethics and ritual practices different in many respects from that of their neighbours, if not superior to them in some respects. It is well that we should lay added emphasis on our religion and ethics, because it is the holiest and greatest thing we possess. But to do this does not necessitate a denial of our racial or national characteristics.

It is because Liberal Judaism became Reformed, instead of conceiving Reform as a principle in Judaism's development, and because it denied the racial and nationalistic phases of Jewish life and history, that it missed its greatest opportunity, namely to conquer the emancipated Jewish masses of Eastern Europe, whose emergence from the Ghetto is only a recent manifestation.

Reformed Judaism lost its contact with the living Jewish masses. Its temples became places of divine worship for the dwellers of the Gilded Ghetto. Reformed Judaism permitted itself to stand aside from the currents and cross-currents which have shaken Jewish life in the last quarter of a century. The Zionist movement, the modern revival of the Hebrew language and literature, the recent development of Yiddish, the cultural activities of the Jewish proletariat masses in America are all side-shows, irrelevant and unimportant to Jewish life from the viewpoint of the ultra-Reformed Jew. Is it any wonder then, that the living masses of the Jewish people regard Reformed Judaism as quite foreign, alluding mainly of the Jewish social organism and the ultra-Reformed Jews as assimilators? How near comic it have been since both the ultra-Reformed Jews and Judaism held itself aloof from the real constructive as well as convulsive forces of Jewish life?

The idea that Reformed Judaism aims to save Judaism and not the Jew, is false and destructive. If that be the case, then why inaugurate Revival Movements and Back to the Synagog campaigns? Why not die as Jews? That will not endanger Judaism. Did the destruction of the ten tribes endanger Judaism? Did the fall of Greece or Rome and the absorption of the people endanger the value and influencing power of Greek or Latin culture which flourish and influence to-day, more so than whilst their creators were alive?

No! In just this respect, we who are nationalists and racial Jews, as well as Liberal Jews in religion, differ from our ultra-Reformed cosmopolitan, hectic, nationalistic colleagues. Ours is a different philosophy. We nationalists wish to save the Jews, not because we fear the future of our past, but because we are interested in the future creative possibilities of our people. We have faith in the creative genius of our people along ethical and spiritual lines. We know that God, who has been revealing himself through Israel in the past, will continue to do so in the future. We believe that wherever there are Jews, there Judaism will live and have a future. Therefore, we are anxious to foster the Jewish homeland in Palestine and to develop active Jewish communities in the rest of the world.

The time is come to challenge the old Shibboleth and to revive the creative spirit of Reform that was in Zunz in Graetz, in Deutsch, and even in Isaac Meyer Wise.

Let us hope that at this Golden Jubilee Convention there will be heard the courageous voice of a young spirit challenging the old formulas and demanding that life cannot adjust itself to formulas but that formulas must adjust themselves to life. But since the tenets of Reformed Judaism that regard Israel only as a religious persuasion have become outworn, the spirit of true reform leads us to reform Judaism and to make a better conception of Jewish life that will harmonize and embrace all that is dear and essential to the living of a Jewish life and the guaranteeing of a Jewish future.

B. R. BRICKNER

WESTON SANITARIUM

At the Weston Sanitarium Club meeting at the home of Mrs. Pasternak, University Avenue, it was decided to send a teacher to the Sanitarium to instruct the children in Jewish history. The next meeting will be held the first Tuesday of next month. Further announcement will be made later. The club acknowledges with thanks the receipt of $10.00 from the G.S.S. Club.

Dr. Joseph S. Kornfeld, American Minister to Persia, has written to Henry H. Rosenfelt, National Director of the America Jewish Relief Committee, acknowledging receipt from the Joint Distribution Committee for the relief of the victims of the Kurdish brigands in the Urumiah district. The money was cabled to Minister Kornfeld at his request, following a pogrom against the Jews.

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Mrs. Jos. Davis, Booth Street, was the hostess on Tuesday afternoon at the fourth weekly tea of the Hadassah Chapter. A sum of money was voted for the purchasing of sewing material to be made up by the members into clothing for the hospitals and children in Palestine. Those assisting the hostess during the tea hour were Mrs. Dave Mirsky, Mrs. Sam Diamond and Mrs. E. Bernett.

The first of a series of week-end teas to be held under the auspices of the Junior Hadassah was given on Sunday afternoon by Miss Olive Pullan, Clemow Avenue. The daintily arranged tea table was presided over by Mrs. A. H. Coplan and Mrs. M. Metrick, assisted by Miss B. Drazin, Miss Bertha Slonemsky, Miss Frances Zivian, Miss Sarah Spector, Miss Anne Freedman, Miss Jean Pullan, of Toronto, and Mrs. Levitan, of Papineauville.

A regular meeting of the Hadassah Chapter was held on Sunday, and presided over by Mrs. L. Leiken in the absence of Mrs. A. J. Freiman. Plans were made to hold a bridge, five hundred and dance party in the near future, to aid the funds of the Chapter. Mrs. Leiken was appointed as general convenor with Mrs. J. J. Marks in charge of the card tables and Mrs. D. Mirsky as refreshment convenor. Assisting Mrs. Mirsky on her committee are: Mrs. W. Shenkman, Mrs. B. Pearl, Mrs. Sidney and Mrs. Stein.

The King Edward Avenue Institute was packed to the doors on Sunday evening when an enjoyable musical entertainment took place in aid of the Ottawa Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society, under the direction of Madame Bertha Pinco, assisted by the Misses Mona Bloomfield, Pauline Gould, Josephine Stein, Lillian Levine, Maxine Pinco and Mr. Jack Powell. Mme. Pinco not only organized and conducted the entertainment, but also contributed a delightful solo, "Love Is Meant to Make Us Glad." In a program, in which each item was especially pleasing, mention must be made of the soprano solo: "I Passed by Your Window," sung by Miss Mona Bloomfield in a finished manner which drew hearty applause from the appreciative audience. Miss Bloomfield is already favourably known to the Ottawa public, having achieved great success in Cavalleria Rusticana with the Ottawa Opera Singers. The program consisted of: Tenor solo, "Call Me Back, Pal of Mine," Jack Powell; recitation, "A New Lease of Life," Miss Lillian Levine; Yiddish folk-song, "Abrivele der Mama," by Solomon Smulewitz, sung by little Miss Maxine Pinco; soprano solo, "I Passed by Your Window," by May H. Brahe, sung by Miss Mona Bloomfield; violin solo, "Ballet Egyptien," by A. Lotink, played by Miss Josephine Stein; soprano solo, "Marissima," by Arthur A. Penn, sung by Miss Pauline Gould, and Mme. Pinco's song, "Love Is Meant to Make Us Glad," from "Merrie England," by Edward German. A children's chorus, "Hush! Here Comes the Dream Man," was sung by the following: Rachel and Ida Cohen, Anna Edelstein, Helen Diamond, Minni Rotbart, Maxine Pinco, Jack Mirsky, Henry Brodie and Sidney Adelstein. By courtesy of the Regent Theatre, Mr. Gaston H. Robert accompanied with his well known skill, but in no small manner contributed to the success of the entertainment. Mr. Sol Fox presided.

A tea and cookie shower was held on Sunday by Mrs. J. Stricker and Mrs. A. Applebaum at the Murray Street Institute, in aid of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Murray Street Synagog. The names of the ladies were received by Mrs. A. Stricker and Mrs. H. Applebaum. The tea table was presided over by Mrs. G. Nadler and Mrs. B. Cohen, while the cakes were cut by Mrs. J. Applebaum. Those assisting during the afternoon were: Mrs. Lampert, Mrs. S. Kussel, Mrs. Dratch, Mrs. M. Epstein, Mrs. Dee Cohen, Miss Anne Applebaum and Masters Max and Kussel Stricker.

Mrs. M. A. Venis, Broadway Avenue, entertained at bridge and tea last week in honour of her mother, Mrs. V. Finsten, of Toronto. Among those present were: Mrs. H. Astrof, Mrs. I. L. Cohen, Mrs. M. L. Diamond, Mrs. D. Dover, Mrs. B. Finkle, Mrs. B. Goldfield, Mrs. C. Kert, Mrs. H. M. Livinoff (Montreal), Mrs. J. J. Marks, Mrs. D. Mirsky, Mrs. J. N. Nathanson, Mrs. F. H. Sinclair, Mrs. G. M. Wolfe and Miss S. Dover. The first prize was won by Mrs. B. Finkle, and the second by Mrs. H. Astrof.

Mrs. L. Baker was the hostess at a very enjoyable birthday party given in honour of her daughter, Fay. The evening was spent in dancing, games and cards; a buffet supper was served at midnight. The birthday cake was cut by Miss B. Tapley, and the symbols were found by the following: horseshoe, Mrs. R. Appleton; ring, Miss B. Rubin; button, Mr. Charles Klegon; money, Miss B. Tapley, thimble, Miss Tilley Finkle; no one owned up to the donkey. Among those present were: Mrs. R. Appleton, Mrs. Venis, Mr. and Mrs. Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. G. Wolfe, the Misses Alys Adler, Freda Carlofsky, B. Goldsmith, Pearl Goldfield, Tilley Finkle, Eva and Marion Blushinsky, Minnie Betherman, Gertrude Freedman, Anne Edelstein, Bessie Black, B. Tapley, Bessie Rubin, B. Drazin, Jessie Greenberg, Messrs. Jack Baker, Tom Cox, Sam and Willie Feller, Mannie Caplin, Charles Klegon, Harry Apple, Moe and Leo Goldsmith, Max Baker, Harry Torontow, Archie and Leo Levitan, Ernest Lightstone, Jy Davis, M. Abramovitch and Joe Vidra.

The Y.M.H.A. juvenile basketball team are keeping up their high standard of playing, and on Saturday evening defeated Diamonds 24-22, in a hard-fought game. Abramovitch, Molot and Davis shared the big honours in a game where there were honours enough for everyone. Abramovitch took terrific punishment but gamely struck until the end, though he tired badly in the last period. Molot and Goldsmith were shooting well, while Davis was a tower of strength on the defence.

The Misses Clara Kert and Ethel Weiler were joint hostesses at a tea given at the Chateau Laurier one afternoon last week, when they entertained a number of their friends.

Miss Mollie Miller, of Cornwall, who has been visiting the Misses Abelson, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sugarman spent the week end in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Marks have returned from Toronto, where they were visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. Feinberg.

Mrs. Victor Finsten, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Venis, has returned to her home in Toronto.

Messrs. B. H. and Myer Fogle were in Montreal last week. Mr. B. H. Fogle has returned home, but his brother is prolonging his stay in Montreal.

Messrs. Sam Caplan and Kalman Smith are spending a few days in Toronto.

Miss Clara Kert has returned from a short visit to Montreal, where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. Rosen.

Mr. Ben Lackowitz, Perth, Ont., formerly of Ottawa, is spending the week end in Montreal, coming up while there was the guest of the Misses Rosen, Outrem.

A revel is scheduled at Gatineau on the Dominion night next week, besides a grand evening the following night at the Victoria Rink. The Gatineau Club has always been famous for its dances, but the very large [illegible] this year promises to be a good one. [illegible] Gatineau Club shows, which [illegible]

[illegible] the object of the [illegible] campaign [illegible] $25,000. The [illegible] Distribution [illegible] $5,000 [illegible] [illegible] Canal Division [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Dominion Correspondence

Montreal

On Friday at 8.15 p.m. Rabbi M. J. Merritt of Temple Emanu-El will hold a special students' service. This is the first of these joint services to be held under the auspices of a Jewish House of worship. This service is the direct outcome of the conference of students of all faiths, colors and creeds that was held in Toronto in December under the auspices of the Students' Christian Movement. The service will be conducted by Mr. H. A. Wosk, president of the Christian Student Movement of McGill, and Mr. Otto Koppel, president of the Maccabean Club. They will give reports of the meeting at Toronto and appeal for a better understanding and knowledge of each other by the members of the different religious bodies. Not only Jewish and non-Jewish students, but also men and women of all faiths are welcomed to the students' service Friday evening.

Professor C. A. Boyce Brockwell of Montreal is expected to give an address next Wednesday night before the Young People's Society of Beth Jacob Synagogue on "Activities Whereby the Fathers of Israel Influenced Ancient Civilization." The president of the society, Joseph Shapiro, occupied the chair. Professor Brockwell spoke on some of the discoveries that he himself has unearthed in his association research in the civilization of ancient peoples.

Quite some time ago there was much ado about butchers and kosher meat—shortage and meat strikes. All is not yet quiet and peaceful. One day last week the shochtim went on strike. Reason—wages. Neither quite agree housewives. Most of them are convinced that the strike is a thing of but a few days. One not wants a repetition of the recent strike, not the ugly looks of the housewife, but rather the meat. Let us hope that things soon right.

The Junior Ladies' Parent Aid began their season with a public presentation—The Sanitarium Question by Judge [illegible] of Lachine and Professor [illegible] a paper full of humor, [illegible] and the [illegible]. Mr. Israel Tarshish, The Melting Pot by Mary Antin, Professor and "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife" by Anatole France [illegible] and Saturday. The Parent Aid was originated [illegible] and the [illegible] was [illegible] Though the Aid was not quite the [illegible] of our dreams, it [illegible] and [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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The members of the Lady Magnus Club gave a banquet in honour of their club leader, Miss Charlotte Greenblatt, whose marriage takes place this week. Miss Greenblatt was presented with a club bag. Six years ago, Miss Greenblatt founded this club, and she has continued to lead it.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Heillig, Miss Martha Heillig and Miss Evelyn Heillig are leaving for Los Angeles this week.

Miss Leonore Pearl, of New York, is visiting Mrs. M. Jacoby, Old Orchard Ave.

Mrs. D. Ezrenberg, of Sherbrooke, is in Montreal.

Among those who entertained in honour of Miss Charlotte Greenblatt, whose marriage to Mr. Wm. Rivenovitch takes place on January 31, were Mrs. Max Rabinovitch, Esplanade Avenue, who gave a linen shower, and Mrs. S. Rabinolitch, St. Joseph Blvd. W., who entertained at tea and bridge.

Mr. Joe Magid has returned from a business trip to New York city.

Miss Lucille Roston has arrived home from Toronto.

Miss Nettie Clavir who was visiting in Montreal for some weeks, left for Ottawa on her way home to Toronto.

Mr. Henry Clavir has returned to Toronto after a few weeks' stay with friends.

Miss Anna Friedman, Milton Street, entertained at a "five hundred" in honour of Miss Nettie Clavir and Mr. Henry Clavir, of Toronto. Prize winners were Dr. Gerald Franklin and Mr. Samuel Mirsky, of Ottawa.

Mr. Abe Berlind is leaving for California early next week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Harris, Miss Ruth Harris and Miss Frances Harris left Montreal on Tuesday night for Philadelphia where they will reside at 55 Spruce Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Harris and baby son have left Montreal to take up residence in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Julius Girdleson, Western Avenue, entertained at bridge on January 14 in honour of Mrs. E. A. Harris. Mrs. Harris, who has gone to Philadelphia, was presented with a beautiful silver tea service.

Dr. Cyrus Adler, of the Jewish Seminary of New York was entertained at dinner on January 21st by Mr. and Mrs. Lyon Cohen, Rosemount Avenue. Covers were laid for ten.

Mrs. Joseph C. Asch, formerly Miss Helene Rothschild, received for the first time since her marriage on Wednesday afternoon at her residence in the Western Apartments, Westmount. The decorations were of spring flowers and carnations arranged about the rooms. Mrs. Asch, wearing a French gown of white crepe de chine heavily embroidered with transparent beads, and a corsage of orchids, was assisted in receiving by her mother, Mrs. Max Rothschild, who wore a gown of night crepe, and also by her husband's mother, Mrs. M. Asch who wore a [illegible] gown of black georgette. The tea table was in charge of Mrs. Max Rothschild, who poured tea, Mrs. [illegible] Cohen who served coffee and Mrs. Richard Pennell who cut the cakes. Those assisting in the dining room were Miss [illegible] Cohen, Miss [illegible] and Miss [illegible].

Miss Sonia Nathanson, Spencer Street W., [illegible] Miss Sara Harris, who was [illegible].

Mrs. [illegible] Miss Dorothy Goodman, Victoria Avenue, [illegible] Mrs. E. A. Harris and Miss Ruth Harris.

Among those who [illegible] Miss Ruth Harris who has left for Philadelphia were Miss Jessie Simonhoff, Miss Edith Perry, Miss [illegible], Miss Sonia Nathanson and Miss [illegible].

Winnipeg

Winnipeg readers may phone their news items for insertion in the "Canadian Jewish Review" to Sherbrook 4724, or mail them to 206 Balmoral Street, Winnipeg.

Miss Cynthia Rosenthal, Stradbrook Place, entertained the children of her Sunday School class recently at a delightful house party. The afternoon was spent in games and music and later, refreshments were served.

The Misses Clarice and Miriam Udow, Wellington Crescent, were joint hostesses to a number of their friends, at the tea hour Sunday afternoon, January 14. The prettily appointed tea table centred with red roses was presided over by Mrs. A. Vineberg, who did the tea honours, and Mrs. J. Udow cut the ices. Those assisting in the tea room were the Misses Freda Rosner, Marguerite Nateolansky and Rosele Udow.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shaller returned to the city this week from their honeymoon trip spent in the larger eastern cities.

Miss Lillian Brooke entertained a number of friends at a snowshoe tramp, Sunday afternoon, January 15. Later the jolly party repaired to the home of Miss Brooke's sister, Mrs. S. Lerner, Garfield Street, where dinner was served, and the remainder of the evening pleasantly spent in dancing and music.

The members of the Junior Hadassah entertained at a silver tea held for mothers and daughters on Sunday afternoon, January 15 at the home of Mrs. Stoicheff, College Avenue, in aid of the coming Hadassah bazaar. Presiding at the dainty tea table centred with roses and carnations were Miss Sara Stein and Miss Sara Dexter for the first hour and Miss Pilie Goffman and Miss Anne Zuranicky for the second hour and Miss Berta Lerner showed the guests into the tea room. Later in the afternoon, Mrs. A. Stein delivered an appropriate address which became the occasion. A delightful musical program was rendered by Miss Fanny Koren and Miss Ada Goffman, violinists, accompanied on the piano by Miss Lillian Brenner, and Miss Esther Zalesin gave a pleasing violin number accompanied by Miss Ada Stonehammer. The tea proved a social as well as a financial success.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Churchill, Milan Apartments, returned to the city this week having spent the past few weeks in Montreal and New York.

In honor of Miss Mina Green, a bride-elect, Mrs. M. Benjamin Rosen entertained at a bridge luncheon Saturday afternoon, January 21st. Mrs. Finkelman won first prize and Mrs. A. Mintz second.

Mrs. Samuel E. Lazer entertained the children in her Sunday school class at her home, Kenmore Apartments, Thursday afternoon, January 19th. The afternoon was spent in games and music and later the children served a feast of goodies.

Mrs. L. Mitchell was a charming hostess at modern Oriental dinner on the first instant, in honor of Miss Mina Green, bride-elect of next week.

Mrs. A. Lamont's Card Party, arranged for a number of people at Wesley Hospital Nurses' Residence, Sunday afternoon, January 22nd, in honor of Miss Gertrude Cohen, of Montreal, who is visiting Mrs. William. The guests of honour won the prizes, which were [illegible] and consisted of [illegible]. Those present were Miss Nan Sinclair, Miss Sarah [illegible], Miss Ruth [illegible], Miss Gertrude Cohen, Miss [illegible], Miss [illegible], Miss [illegible],

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The Junior Hadassah recently entertained in honour of the Misses Anne Barnitsky and Doris Barlin, at a prettily arranged tea at the home of Miss Sara Stein, Flora Avenue. Pink roses and narcissi graced the centre of the pretty tea table, presided over by Miss Sara Stein, assisted by the Misses Betty Leiberman and Lillian Donner. During the afternoon an interesting musical program was enjoyed by the guests.

The regular dance of the Montefiore Club was held on Sunday evening, January 14, in which over two hundred members and lady friends participated. During the evening fourteen gentlemen applied for membership in the club.

The Sisterhood of the Shaarey Zedek Congregation is to be congratulated upon having been able to secure Signora Italia Anita Garibaldi, the grand daughter of the great Italian liberator to address them on the subject of "Italy, Past and Present," on the evening of Tuesday, January 16th. She brought a message of greeting from the Jews of Italy and her speech proved a source of immense interest to the large gathering. The speaker was suitably introduced by Mrs. M. Heppner, president of the Sisterhood and at the close a vote of thanks was proposed by Rev. H. J. Samuels, and was heartily endorsed. A vocal selection was rendered by Miss Eva Israel.

Mr. P. A. Isaacs, Melfort, Sask., arrived in the city this week and is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Isaacs, Balmoral Street.

Mrs. S. F. Goldstine, Plaza Apartments, was hostess at a delightful bridge, Thursday afternoon, January 18, in honour of Miss Alice Green. The first prize winner was Mrs. M. Heppner and the second, Mrs. H. Grossman. Later tea was served at prettily appointed tables.

Hamilton

An enjoyable day was spent by a representative number of members of the Hamilton section of the Council of Jewish Women, in Toronto, entertained by their section of the Council on Thursday, January 16. Luncheon was arranged by the executive staff of the Toronto ladies after which the Hamilton ladies were motored to the Community House, a splendid building recently acquired by the Toronto section for the purpose of carrying all their activities and at which place the guests were cordially welcomed by the members assembled.

Rabbi Jenkins conducted the Bible class and the hour [illegible] and guests' reminiscences, most interesting and instructive lectures followed by an open discussion.

Adjourning to the lecture hall their monthly meeting took place, at which Mrs. Max Levy, chairman of the Hamilton section, gave a detailed account of the work accomplished in the short time since the inception of the section. Mrs. Levy also expressed appreciation of the presence of the Toronto section at the meeting, which, she said, was the first of its kind in the history of the Council of Jewish Women.

Progress League

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the Progress League of Anshe Sholom, who to the number of forty participated in an old-fashioned sleighing party last Monday night, making their first stop at the Chedoke Tobogan slides and thence along a moonlit country road to West Hamilton. Other sleighing parties passing by were hailed with a shower of snowballs and the sharpshooters were not all members of the P.L. of A.S. Our president, Joe Sweet, was an unmistakable target, but even Harry Nellick's juicy snowballs could not wash off his good-natured smile. Arriving home at a late hour supper and dancing were enjoyed, after which the assembly dispersed, satisfied, happy and tired. To Dewey D. Bloom, who arranged the event, and Miss Theresa Sweet, who attended to the ladies and the supper, great credit is due.

Council of Jewish Women

The regular business meeting of the Council of Jewish Women took place on Tuesday evening, in the United Hebrew reception hall, with a fairly good attendance. With Mrs. Moe Levy presiding, the minutes were read and reports of committees were given in a very interesting manner.

Mrs. B. Epstein, chairman of the recreation center, reported on the Chanukah festivities, which took place Saturday evening, December 16. Rabbi Berger opened the festival with the kindling of the third light, giving the girls a talk on the Dedication of the Feast of Lights, that proved both interesting and instructive. A musical program followed, given by the girls themselves, after which refreshments were served.

Mrs. Rose Levy reported on the Chanukah entertainment given the members' children, on Tuesday, December 10. Some ninety children sat down to supper. After their feast the children were the recipients of gifts handed out by the Chanukah man, who was in reality Mr. Dewey D. Bloom, and who very ably acted in this capacity, making the day a very happy one.

The children of some of our poor families were not overlooked, however, as Mr. Needle reported that Chanukah dinners were provided, along with gifts that were welcomed and appreciated.

In their own way, too, the English classes, under the capable direction of Miss Annie Robinson, head teacher, had a Chanukah entertainment that gave the finishing touches to their closing exercises and examinations. Essays on various subjects were given by the pupils, followed by an interesting musical program by the various classes. Five prizes were awarded those most deserving for regular attendance, essays and oral compositions.

At the home of Mr. B. Goldblatt, on Monday, January 22, the executive will arrange plans for a social event to take place in the form of gentlemen's night, of which more will be heard at a later date.

It was also decided that aside from a social standpoint, a weekly gathering on Wednesday afternoon would be profitable, at which meeting the members would gain from an educational and instructive standpoint, in the form of talks given by Rabbi Berger on current events and topics.

The executive reported the advisability of arranging a monthly bulletin, of which Mrs. Max Barton was appointed editor and Miss Annie Robinson, associate editor, to take the place of the [illegible] post card giving the members [illegible] through which [illegible]

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militant contact with occidental society, of a philosophy less disinterested than the Aryan, a stranger, who, as harmless wanderer, carries with him the implacable malediction of his brothers. The Jew, however accursed, has attempted to conquer the hostility of the world into which dispersion by conquest has thrown him. Scorned, hated, persecuted for having imposed upon us gods of his blood, he has wanted to redeem himself and to perfect himself by overcoming untoward circumstances. For this task nothing was spared; no suffering, no torture counted, no vengeance was scorned. There is no more astonishing history in the world.

And because it now happens that these people have resisted menaces, stakes, forced conversions, because with all their vices and their virtues they have entered the social organization of our own vices and virtues, because they have drawn from their stock of good and evil a power of action at least equal to our particular power of good and evil, combined for the conquest of wealth, because they have possessed themselves of our weapons and have learned to turn them against us, I hear that their systematic extermination is desired. Thus one can resolve the hatreds of those defeated in the contest for domination, one can prosecute plans of persecution, which are but an admission of defeat, but how can one found upon all this something that will last?

The enormous power of Israel in contemporary Christendom can not be denied. All things remaining as they are, the activity of this enduring race, this marvelous producer of energy, can in no opinion cease increase. For Aryan idealism I would not consider this a misfortune. Besides each people has good and bad characteristics, and all superiority of race reverts to the to contradict the deepest interests of our manifold humanity. But when the faculties of a race have so outrageously adapted themselves to the world order of the present, as different from the past as it is certain to be from that of the future, what can one say, unless this race and the economic order in changing give us other results. The Jews will not be destroyed. The Sultan himself, with hundreds of thousands of Armenians massacred, will not be reconquered by Armenia. Israel, having gone forth alive from the Middle Ages, cannot be suppressed.

Instead of condemning a race whose lucky or unlucky examples have made it a factor in present society, instead of crying cowardly that it must be annihilated, or give up its rôle, why do we not try, simply and more nobly, to frame a more equitable, a more disinterested social code, in which the power of selfish appropriation—be it Jewish or Christian—is rendered less harmful, that is to say less menacing for the great mass of humanity. Then the Judaism of Israel, of the universe made in advantage of a society in barbarous epochs employed by the false god of interest and the possessing minority, will no longer have its reason for existence. Then the Jew, whom fate has permitted to have a chance will no longer have to [illegible] in order to live, but will be [illegible] in order to live, but will be [illegible] in order to live, but will be

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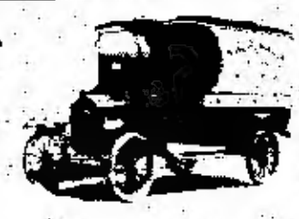
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